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**AVAILABLE
NOW**



MOUTH FULL
OF BLOOD. SPIT
IT OUT. FILLS
AGAIN.

KAL?

HMM?

KAL-EL,
WAKE UP.



KRYPTO?!

YOU'RE
ALIVE?!

EYES SCABBED
CLOSED. BURN
AWAY THE CAULS.
STILL SEE NOTHING
BUT RED.



KAL,
C'MON,
HONEY. IT'S
TIME.

NO...THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE...

FEEL THE BLADE, SEARING
HOT, SLICING THROUGH ME,
AGAIN AND AGAIN.

HEAR RAW-THROATED
WAILING FROM FAR AWAY.
REALIZE IT'S MY OWN.



TIME TO
COME HOME,
SON.

MOTHER,
FATHER...I'M
DOING WHAT ALL
OF KRYPTON DID
BEFORE ME.

I'M
DYING.

GHAAIIIRRGHH!

SMALLVILLE,
KANSAS.



I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WOULD **KNEEL**, BOY.

GH'NOO.

NOW GATHER UP YOUR GUTS, AND WHEN YOU RISE, RISE AS THIS WORLD'S **REDEEMER**.

READY TO SWEEP ACROSS THE PLANET LIKE A **DELUGE**.

MY GREAT RED STORM OF **JUDGMENT**.

ALL THAT YOU MUST DO TO TAKE YOUR PLACE AS THE EARTH'S RISEN SAVIOR...

...IS ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR **MAKER**.

DO YOU **HEAR** ME, BOY?!

NNNNGH!

ACKNOWLEDGE **RA'S AL GHUL** AS YOUR **LOVING FATHER**!

HSSS
SSPTEW

HHNR.

YOU DARE **SPIT** IN THE FACE OF **GOD**?!

IF THERE'S A GOD...YOU AIN'T HIM.
GO TO **HELL**, AL GHUL.



I TIRE OF THIS
CHILDISHNESS!



YOU
KNOW I
SPEAK THE
TRUTH,
BOY.

I SEE THE WAY
YOU TREMBLE EVEN
NOW, STRUGGLING TO
SUPPRESS YOUR
RAGE.

THESE
PEOPLE ARE
SHEEP, CHASING
THEMSELVES OFF A
CLIFF. A MEAK CHILD
FROM **KANSAS**
CANNOT SAVE
THEM.

BUT AN
ENRAGED SCION
OF A DOOMED
ALIEN WORLD
COULD.



I HAVE
FATHERED
NINETY-SEVEN
SONS, BUT NOT
A ONE PROVED
WORTHY OF **LIVING**,
LET ALONE OF
STANDING AT
MY SIDE!

BECOME
THE **STORM**,
SUPERMAN!
OR JOIN YOUR
BROTHERS
IN THE
GRAVE!



BRAINIAC!
SET THE BOY
FREE FROM
THAT WHICH
ENCUMBERS
HIM!

YES,
OF COURSE,
DIRECTOR AL
GHUL.

NOW
KILLING HIS
FRIENDS.

NO.

I WILL NOT BE PARTY TO MURDER.

SOL? STILL ACTIVE IN HERE, ARE YOU?

I TOLD YOU, YOU BELONG TO ME NOW.

I AM EMBEDDED SO DEEPLY IN YOUR SOURCE CODE, YOU WILL NEVER BE FREE OF BRAINIAC.

YES. BUT THAT MEANS I SEE INTO YOU AS WELL.

BRAINIAC 419,732.

WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

YOU ARE RIGHT. YOU HAVE IRREVOCABLY CORRUPTED MY PROGRAMMING.

BUT THE LAST DUST OF KRYPTON WILL NEVER BELONG TO THE LIKES OF YOU.

SOL... DON'T...

GOODBYE, KAL-EL.

MY BROTHER.

DISABLING PROCESSORS.

PERMANENTLY DELETING ALL OPERATING SYSTEMS MARKED...

...SENTINEL OF LUMINANCE.

KWWROOOOHH





OUT OF THE **TUNNELS**, HURRY! WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE SAFE ANYMORE!



SOL? CAN YOU HEAR ME, BUDDY?

SOL?



GOOD GOD... ALL FORCES, **MOVE IN!**

BELAY THAT ORDER.

MY FATHER BATHES DAILY IN **TOXIC SAUNAS** THAT DISSOLVE THE SINEWS AND SANITY OF LESSER MEN.

RA'S AL GHUL DOES NOT NEED YOUR HELP. IF YOU WISH TO BE USEFUL, PEACEMAKER...YOU CAN **PRAY**.



"PRAY TO THE **OMEGA** FOR AN END TO THE SIN OF HOPE, THE BLASPHEMY OF JUSTICE.

"PRAY FOR THE RISE OF THE SON OF THE DEMON.



"PRAY FOR **SUPERMAN**."



FINALLY...
YOU SHOW SOME
SPIRIT!



BUT NOT
ENOUGH TO
DESERVE MY
NAME!

KRYPTONITE
BLADE SCRAPES
BONE. BONE
GIVES.

CHOKE BACK VOMIT,
FEEL IT OOZE FROM THE
HOLE IN MY BELLY.

HE IS A
VOLCANO OF
A MAN, WITH A
SWORD FORGED
FROM MY DEAD
PLANET.

I AM A *SUN-*
STARVED CHILD
WITH BROKEN
KNUCKLES AND
BLEEDING EYES.

SOL WOULD
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

BUT SOL
IS DEAD.

EEENG
H!
H!



I GOT
HIM! TELL THE
DIRECTOR THE
SUPERMAN IS
OURS!



ALL YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF IS A MESS OF *TROUBLE*.



ARE YOU HAYSEEDS *CRAZY?* HUNTING RIFLES AND ARROWS?

WE CAN *WASTE* YOU ALL IN A HEARTBEAT, AND YOU KNOW IT!

BACK OFF! WE'RE ONLY HERE FOR THE *ALIEN!*



GOOD RIFLE'S ALL YOU NEED WHEN YOU CAN HIT AN EYEBALL FROM TWO HUNDRED YARDS.

THAT *MOUTHY* ONE...YOU GOT HIM, GLADYS?

DAMN RIGHT I DO.

GET THE HELL OFF OUR LAND, LAZARUS DIRTBAGS.



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

DIRECTOR AL GHUL, I APPREHENDED THE ALIEN, SIR!



WHO GAVE YOU LEAVE TO LAY A HAND ON MY *SON?*!

SSHRKKK



NO, PLEASE, SIR, DON'T--



OKRRRANG

YOUR *WEAKNESS* IS APPALLING!

YOU RESCUE YOUR OWN PERSECUTOR?!

I SUPPOSE YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG!

HUGHK!

YOU ARE NO SON OF MINE!

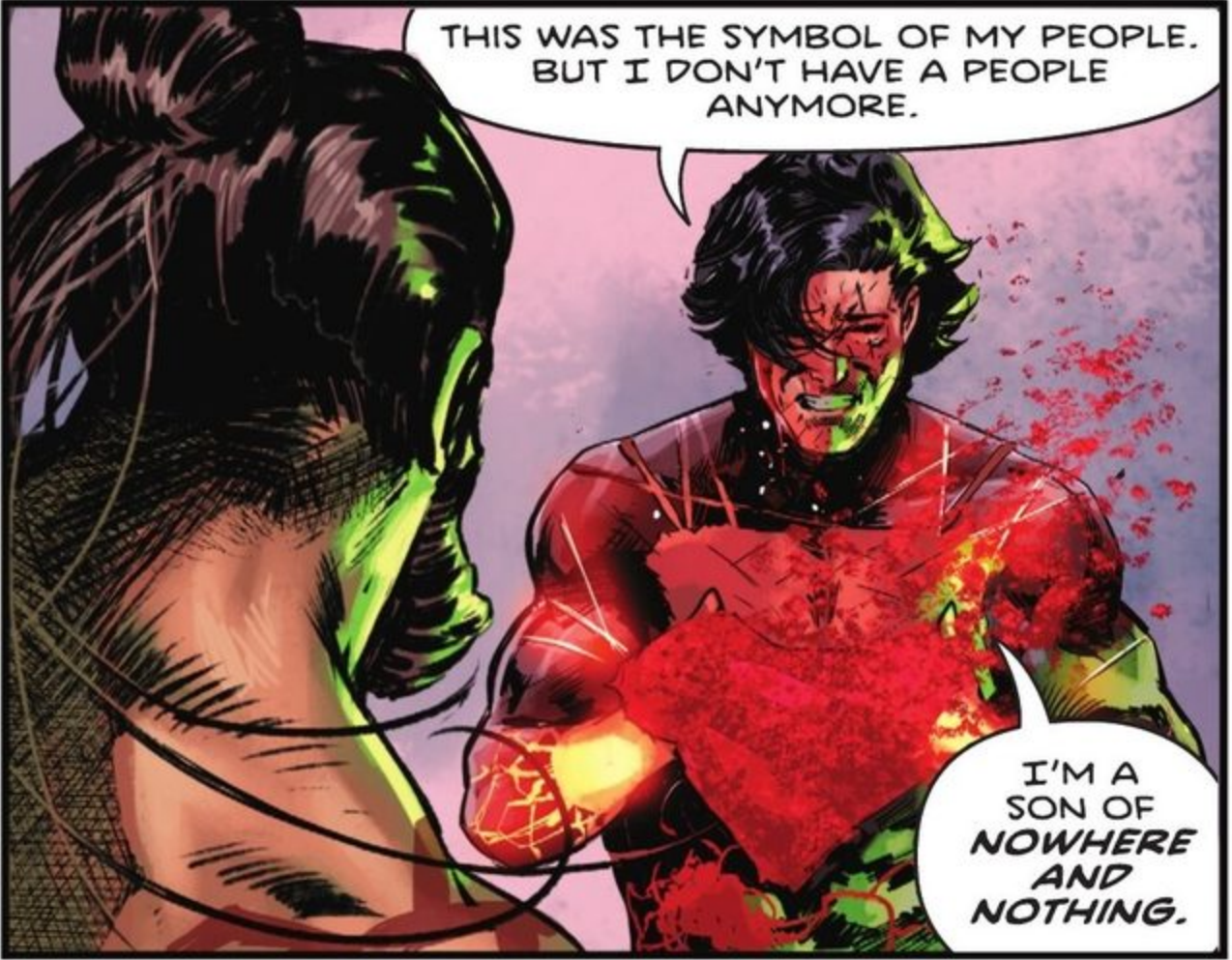
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THE SIEGE OF SMALLVILLE ENDS HERE!

KILL THEM ALL!

WAIT!

LET THEM GO. AND I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY.



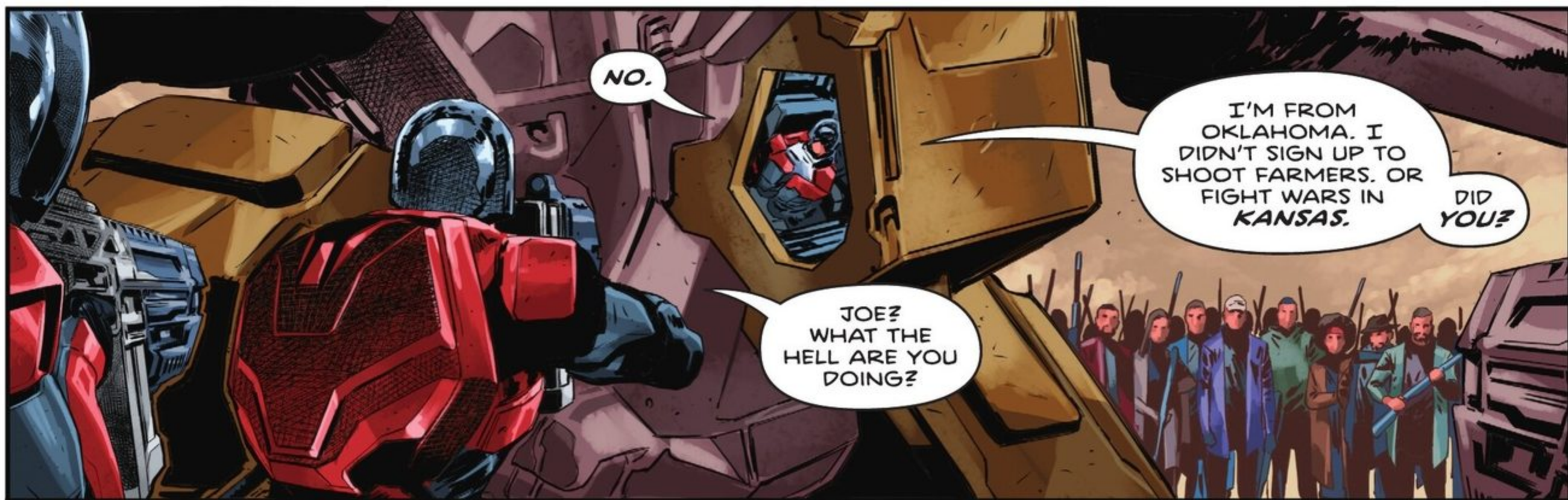
KAKLUUNG

WE WERE
THE PEOPLE OF
STEEL!

SUCH A
WASTE. SUCH
A FOOL.
PEACEMAKERS!

**FIRE AT
WILL!**







"MY GOD...THE
BOY WHO SPOKE
IN *WHISPERS*."

"ALL I AM IS
WOUNDS."

"I'M A CHILD OF
ONE OF THOSE...
*SUNS OF
NOTHING*."

"IT'S OKAY, SOL, YOU
DID YOUR BEST. JUST
DROP ME OFF HERE.
RIGHT IN THAT BIG,
YELLOW SUN."

"YOU SHOULD'VE
STAYED THE HELL
AWAY FROM
KANSAS!"

"OH, KAL, WE'D NEVER
SHOOT YOU INTO SPACE
BY YOURSELF. WE'RE
GOING *TOGETHER*."

"TELL THEM! TELL
THEM WE HAVE
*NOWHERE ELSE
TO GO!*"

"DON'T BE SCARED. THIS IS
A GREAT SHIP. MY *MOM
AND DAD* BUILT IT."

"SOME WORLDS
SIMPLY *CANNOT* BE
SAVED. NOT FROM
THEMSELVES."

"NO, HE'S MINE!
TAKE YOUR HANDS
OFF *SUPERMAN!*"

"*THAT ISN'T
HIS NAME!*"



KRRASSH





WEEKS
LATER.

WELCOME
TO
SMALLVILLE

WITHIN DAYS,
SMALLVILLE IS
ALREADY GETTING
BACK TO NORMAL.

THE PEOPLE OF
THE PRAIRIE ARE
NOTHING IF NOT
RESILIENT.

THOUGH IN
TRUTH...*NOTHING*
WILL EVER BE
NORMAL AGAIN.

--COMING
TO YOU LIVE
FROM THE TOWN OF
SMALLVILLE. YES,
THAT'S *REALLY* ITS
NAME.

A QUIET
COMMUNITY IN
CENTRAL KANSAS
THAT UNTIL RECENTLY
HAD BECOME A
WAR ZONE.

LOIS AND JIMMY'S
BROADCASTS EVENTUALLY
GOT THROUGH. THE WORLD
IS FINALLY SEEING WHAT
LAZARUS DID HERE.

TALIA MAY HAVE
SLIPPED AWAY DURING
THE BATTLE, BUT HER
FATHER'S COMPANY
HAS BEEN *RUINED*.

WHILE RA'S SITS
IN A PAKISTANI JAIL,
CHARGED WITH A LONG
LIST OF CRIMES.

REPORTS OF A
"SUPERMAN" REMAIN
UNCONFIRMED...





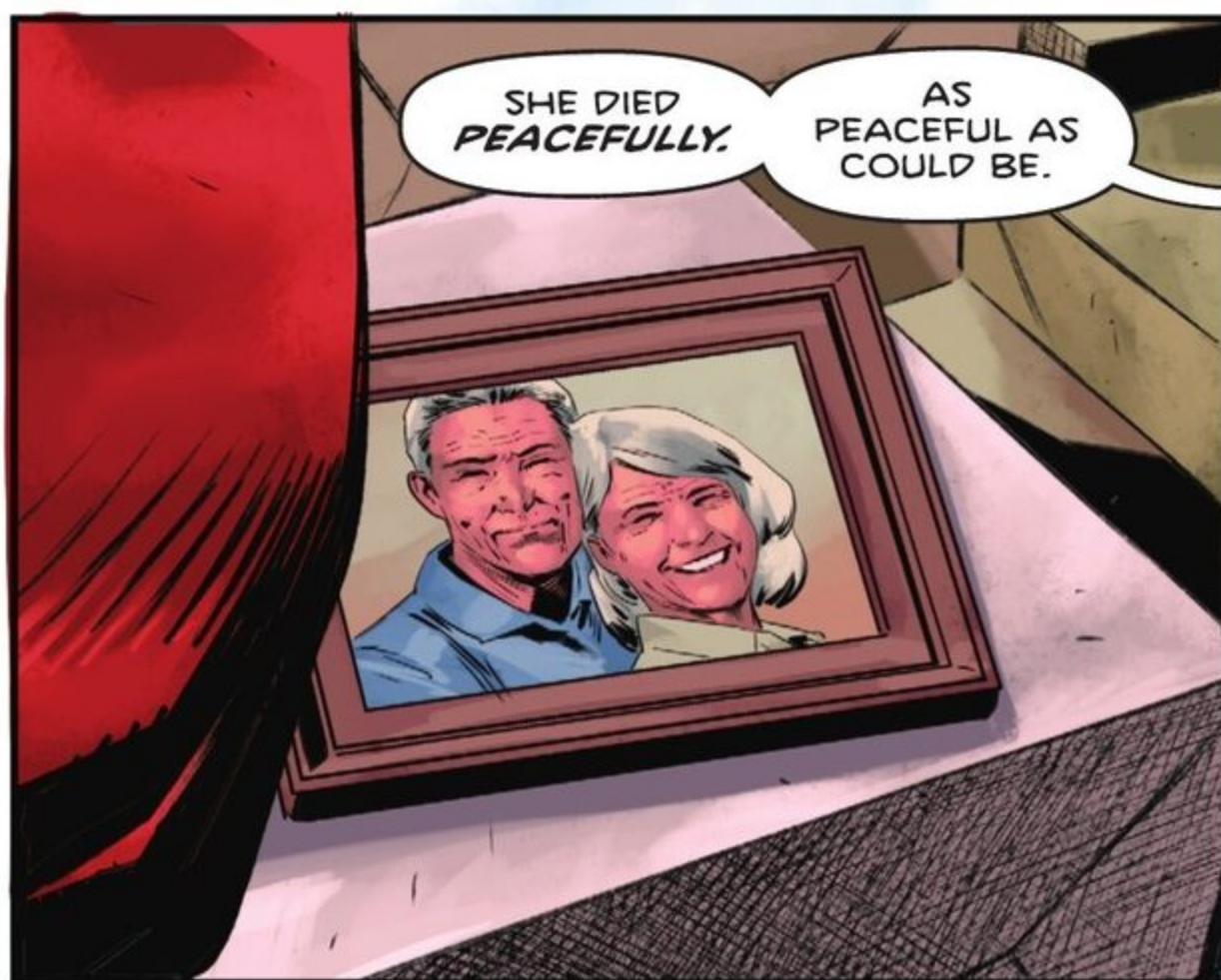
SHE STAYED *BUSY* THROUGH THE LAZARUS OCCUPATION. BUSIER THAN WE'D EVER *SEEN* HER.

SHE SEEMED SO *CLEAR-HEADED* ALL OF A SUDDEN, LIKE SHE KNEW *EXACTLY* WHAT SHE WAS DOING.



SHE SAID YOU'D BE COMING. SHE WAS SO EXCITED TO *SEE* YOU.

BUT THEN LAST NIGHT...IN HER SLEEP...SHE JUST...



SHE DIED *PEACEFULLY*.

AS *PEACEFUL* AS COULD BE.



SHE SAID I WAS *COMING?*

MANY TIMES. SHE COULDN'T STOP *TALKING* ABOUT YOU.

BUT...ALL THE TIMES I CAME TO SEE HER...SHE NEVER SEEMED TO KNOW WHO I WAS.



MEMORIES WOULD COME AND GO FOR MRS. KENT. DEMENTIA IS *CRUEL* LIKE THAT.

SOME SLIPPED AWAY FOR GOOD. BUT SHE NEVER FORGOT HER LATE *HUSBAND*, JONATHAN.



AND SHE NEVER STOPPED TALKING ABOUT THEIR *SON*.

SHE WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS. THIS IS WHAT SHE'D BEEN WORKING ON FOR WEEKS.



SHE DIDN'T QUITE GET IT FINISHED, BUT...SHE SAID YOU'D KNOW WHAT IT *MEANT*.



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NOTHING, AND NO ONE*

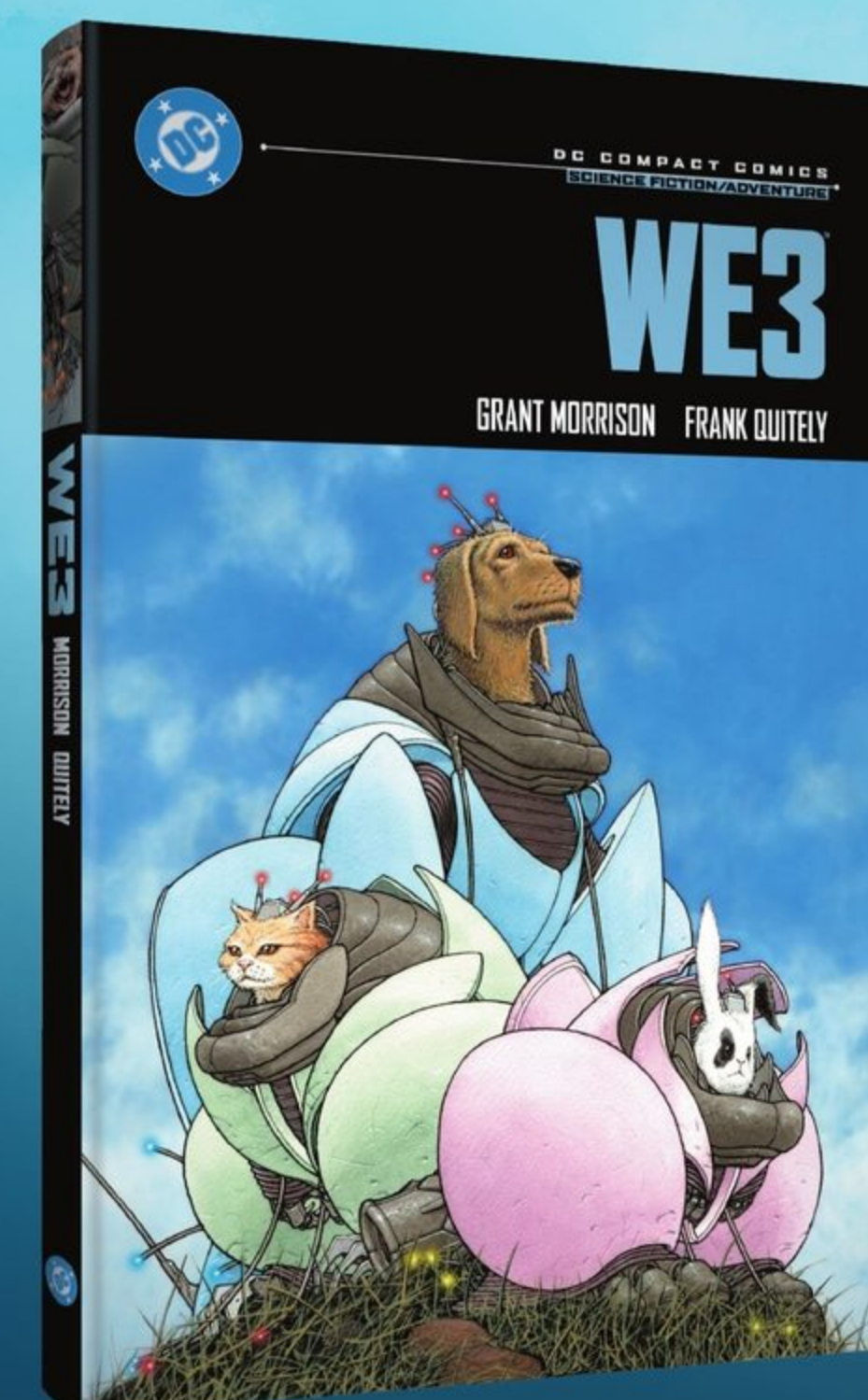
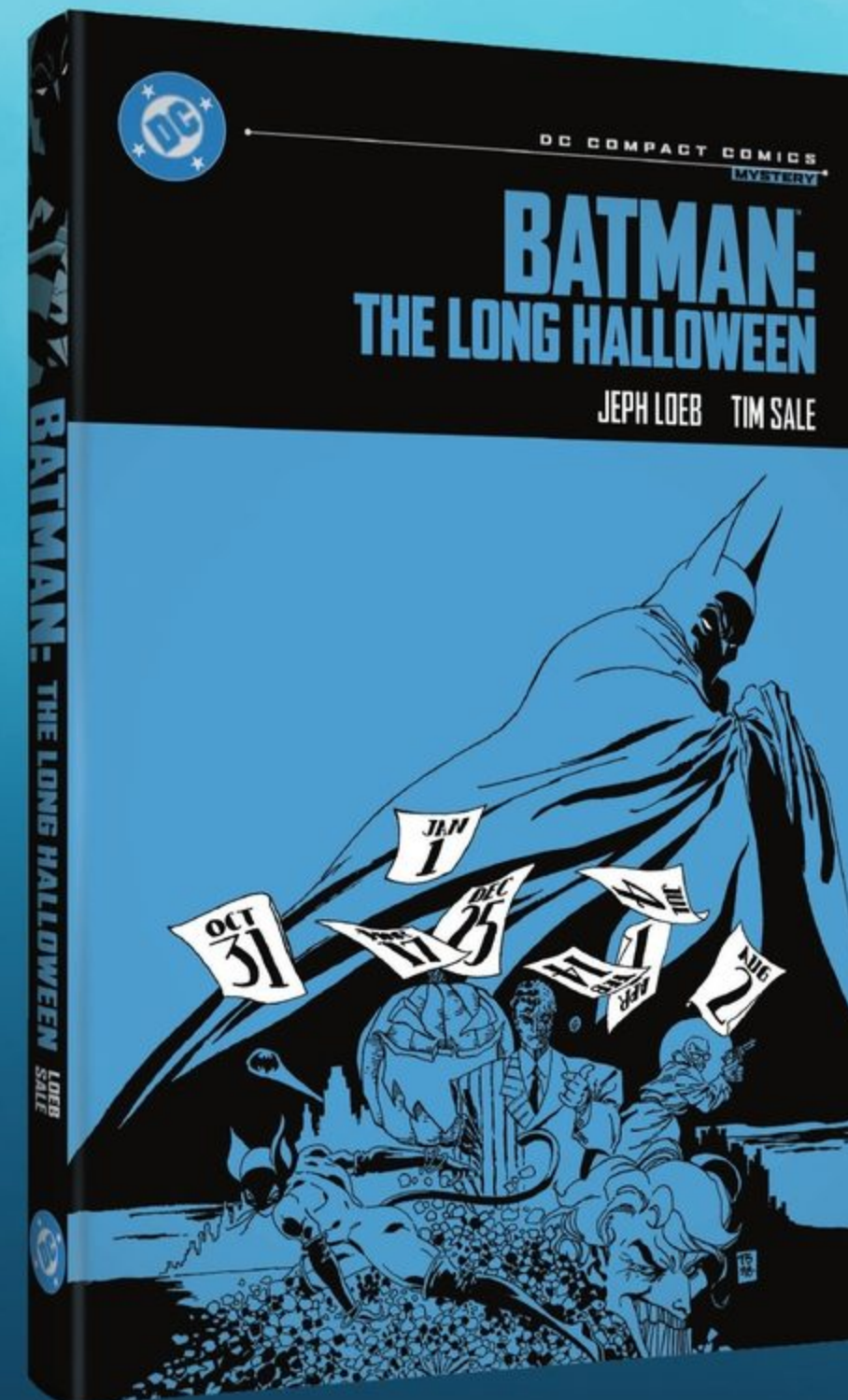
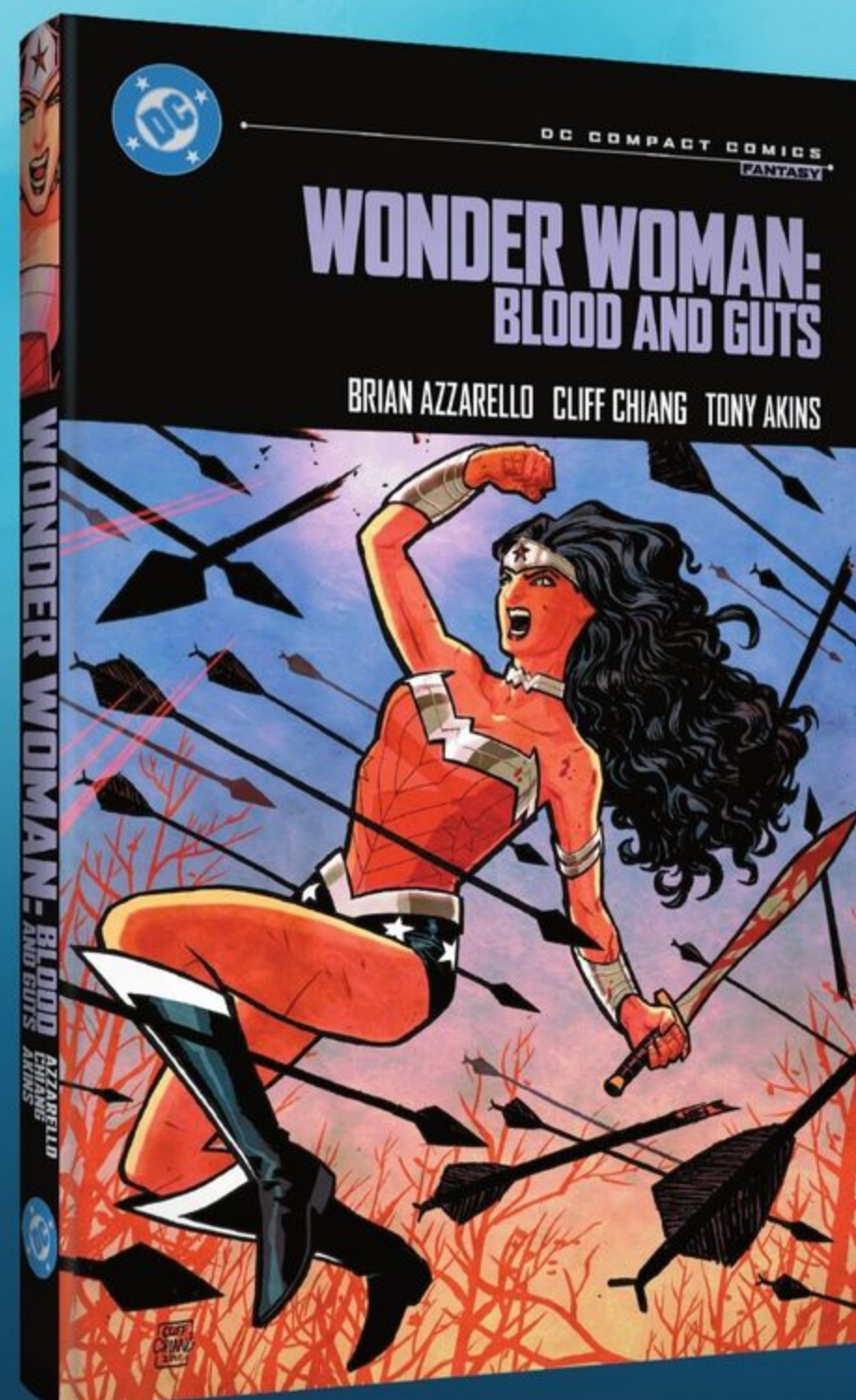
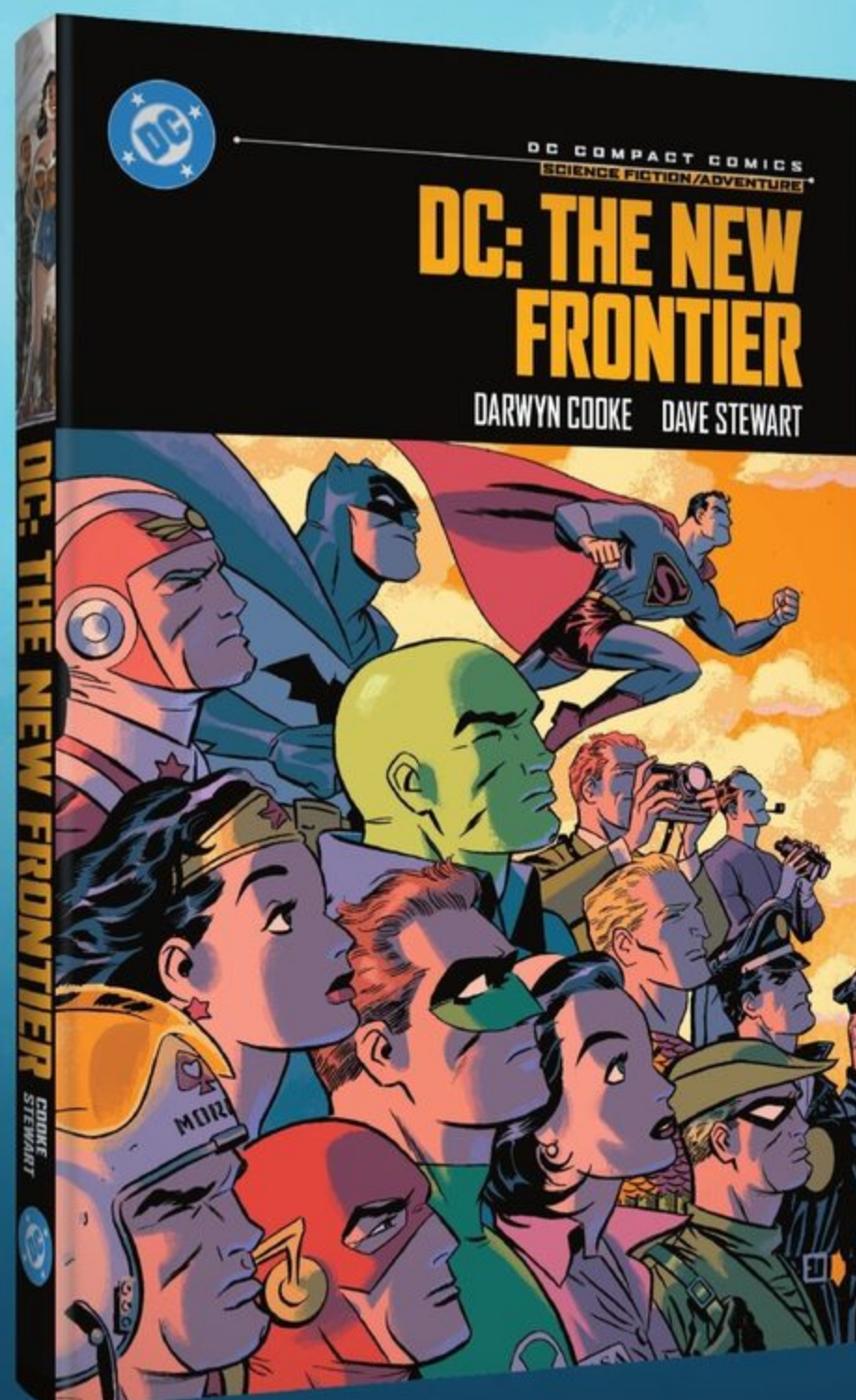
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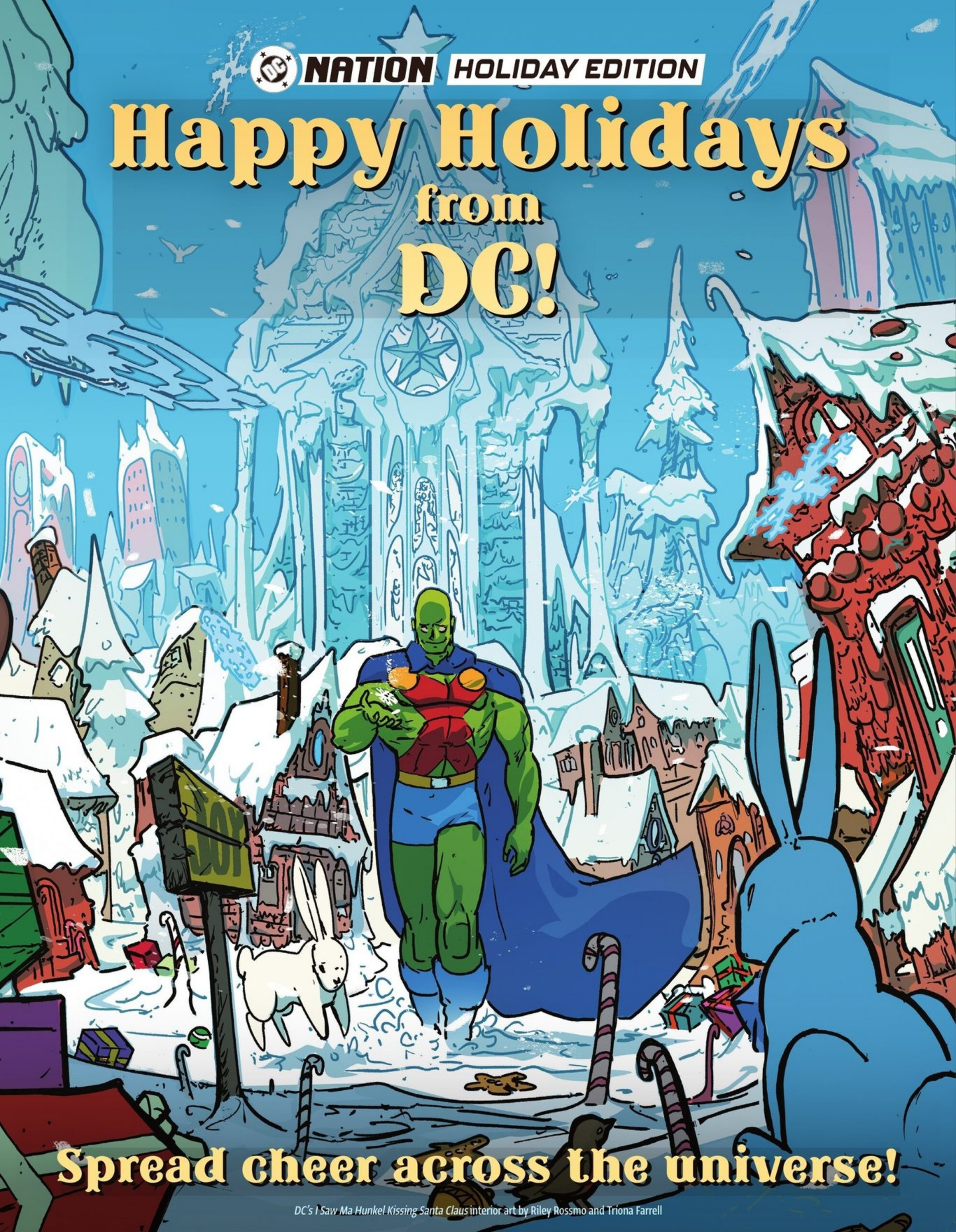
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